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REMARKS

A set of formal drawings are attached, including Figs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 6, 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B, which replace the informal drawings (Figs.1, 2, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 6, 7A, 7B and 8) that were submitted with the application as filed.

In general the changes are simply to bring the drawings into conformity with the drawing requirements set forth in 37 C.F.R. 1.84. Original Figure 8 has also been split into Figure 8A and 8B. Figure 4 has been amended as shown in the attached annotated sheet of drawings to add the nucleotides "AT" at the start of the nucleotide sequence, which nucleotides were inadvertently omitted in the informal drawings. This amendment is supported by the correct sequence for rhUS28.4 listed in the informal version of the sequence listing shown on page 59 of the specification as filed.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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